

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**In re application of:** Van Winkle *et al.*

**Application No.** 10/509,691

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**For:** GENERATION OF PLANTS WITH  
IMPROVED DROUGHT TOLERANCE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office action dated May 1, 2007. A three-month period for reply was set, making a response due on or before August 1, 2007. Applicants petition for a one month extension of time and submit the appropriate extension fee, now making a response due on or before **September 4, 2007** (in light of the Federal Holiday on Monday, September 3, 2007). If any additional fees are required in connection with filing this document, please charge Deposit Account 02-4550.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 4, and end with a brief **Conclusion** on page 9.